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The documents comprise a German patent and two U.S. patents; all three documents are category X on the international search report.

The three documents should be considered in assessing the patentable merits of the claims of record.

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